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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Rueben MATALON et al.

Examiner: Gabriele E. BUGAISKY

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Title: APARTOACYLASE GENE, PROTEIN, AND METHODS OF SCREENING FOR
MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CANAVAN DISEASE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

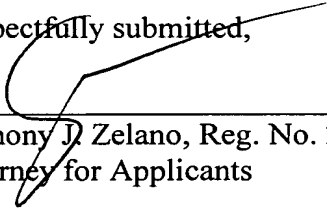
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse. It is not seen how an undue searching burden would be involved in examining both sets of claims as defined by the examiner. This is especially true in this situation where the set of claims drawn to the antibodies and hybridomas is tied to the nature of the polypeptides of the first set of claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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